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THE ECOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

THE Ecological Society of America will hold its eighth annual meeting at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, December 27, 28 and 29, 1922. In addition to the general sessions, joint meetings will be held with the American Society of Zoologists and the Botanical Society of America.

Titles and abstracts of papers to be placed on the program should be in the hands of the secretary by December 1, in order to be printed for distribution before the meeting. Persons not members of the society may present papers on the recommendation of a member.

A dinner to which all persons interested in the society and its activities are invited will be held at the Athens Café, 694 Washington Street, on Wednesday evening. The hotel headquarters will be at the Parker House, Tremont Street, where rooms will be available at rates from \$2.50 up. Reservations should be made at an early date.

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THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
NATURALISTS

THE fortieth annual meeting of the American Society of Naturalists will be held in Boston, Massachusetts, on Friday, December 29, in the buildings of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The headquarters of the society will be at the Hotel Somerset, which is also the headquarters of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Rates at the Somerset are as follows: One in a room, with bath, \$4 to \$6; two in a room, with bath, \$5 to 7. Members are advised to make reservations early. Information concerning other accommodations will doubtless be available for the final announcement of the society in December.

The morning session will be devoted to a celebration of the birth of Gregor Mendel and of Francis Galton in 1822. For this program the following speakers have been secured: E. M. East, T. H. Morgan, J. Arthur Harris and George H. Shull.

A symposium on Geographical Distribution has been arranged in conjunction with the American Society of Zoologists. For this program, papers by Glover M. Allen, Thomas Barbour, E. R. Dunn, C. H. Eigenmann, P. P. Calvert and C. T. Brues have been secured. It may be possible to announce others later.

A memorial to the late Professor Sedgwick, in the form of a lecture by Professor E. B. Wilson, is scheduled for Friday afternoon, closely following the Naturalists' symposium on geographical distribution.

Following instructions given by the Naturalists last year, the officers of the society participated, during the year, in conferences looking toward federation of the biological societies of America. Notices concerning these conferences have several times appeared in *SCIENCE*. The final result of these meetings is a proposed constitution of such a federation which was printed in *SCIENCE* for September 29. It is expected that reprints of this article in *SCIENCE* will be distributed to members of the society along with the final announcement in December. The question of accepting membership in the federation will be presented at one of the business meetings of the society.

The annual dinner, with the address of the president, Professor W. M. Wheeler, will be given on Friday evening at the Hotel Somerset.

Blank forms for the nomination of candidates for membership in the society may be obtained from the secretary. Attention is called to the rule that nominations must be in the hands of the executive committee at least a year before being acted upon. Accordingly, nominations to be voted upon in 1923 must reach the secretary before the close of the meeting of 1922.

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SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

At the dinner of the National Academy of Sciences, held in connection with the New York meeting on November 15, the Draper Gold Medal was presented to Professor Henry Norris Russell, of Princeton University. Dr. C. G.